

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to better define the present claims over the prior art. No new matter has been entered.

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 8-12 under 35 USC §103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,062,139 to Christensen in view of US Patent No. 2,284,462 to Williams in view of U.S. Patent Re 20,213 to Sawyer is in error. Independent claims 1 requires, in part, first and second support members, "wherein said first support member has a coefficient of elasticity that is different from a coefficient of elasticity of said second support member." None of the cited references, including Christensen, Williams or Sawyer, teach or suggest this limitation, regardless of whether the reference was used as the primary reference or the secondary reference.

Christensen discloses an annular mounting ring 32, which is a single supporting member, circumferentially mounted to coil former 16. Christensen otherwise fails to teach a first and second support member, or any varying coefficients of elasticity within the annular mounting ring 32. Williams discloses small blocks 3 which are made of soft material such as viscoloid or rubber, but fails to teach that these small blocks 3 may have different coefficients of elasticity. Sawyer teaches only one support 19 and is silent with regards to a second support member, or any varying coefficients of elasticity within the support 19. Therefore, as Christensen, Williams and Sawyer all fail to disclose a first support member that has a coefficient of elasticity that is different from a coefficient of elasticity of a second support member, no combination of Christensen, Williams and Sawyer reasonably can be said to teach or suggest all of the features of claim 1, and the Examiner's rejection is in error.

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Claims 2-3 and 8-12 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1, and are allowable for the same reasons above adduced relative to claim 1, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in order for allowance.

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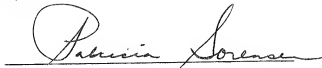
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